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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Rino Rappuoli et al.

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For: **SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME CORONAVIRUS**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND TRANSMITTAL**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment filed in response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2007. Enclosed herewith are the following documents:


1. **REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**
2. **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME.** - Applicant herewith requests a four-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 11, 2007.
3. **PAYMENT** – The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-1664 in the amount of \$1,640.00 for the extension of time fee.
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